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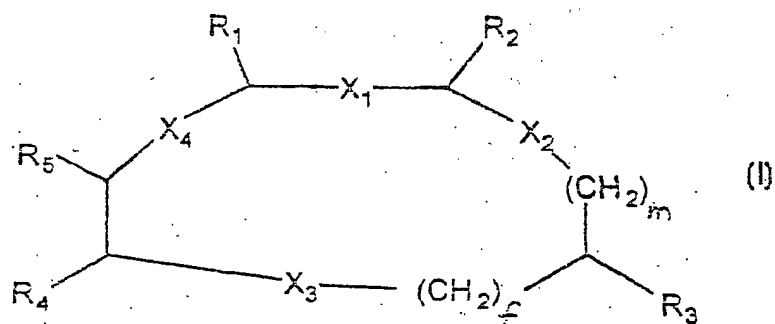
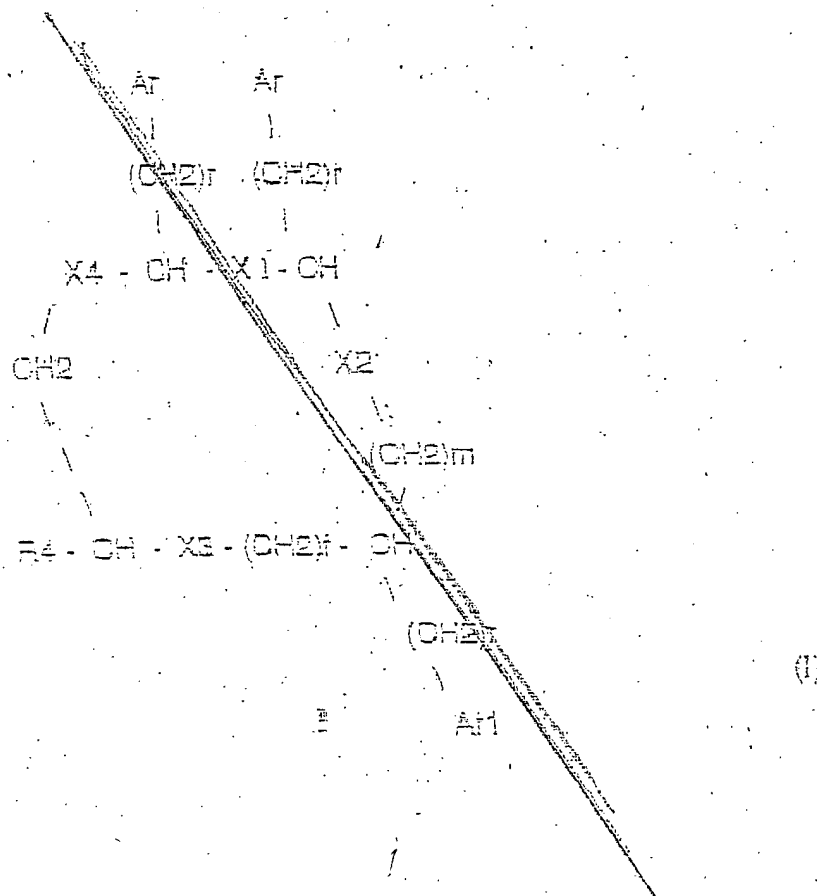
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In response to the Advisory Action of February 18, 2004 in the above-identified application,
please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

- 5 At page 1, please replace the original structural formula with the following:



Page 1, lines 18-19, please insert the following:

X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4 , same or different, are a group chosen among: -CONR-, -NRCO-
-CH₂-NR-, -NR-CH₂- where R is H, C₁₋₃ alkyl, or benzyl;

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Page 1, lines 22-27, please insert the following:

-(CH₂)_r Ar_r where r is 0, 1 or 2 and Ar is an aromatic group chosen among benzene,
naphthalene, thiophene, benzothiophene, pyridine, quinoline, indole, furan, benzofuran, thiazole,
benzothiazole, imidazole, benzoimidazole, possibly substituted with up to 2 substituents chosen
10 among C₁₋₃ alkyl, C₁₋₃ haloalkyl, C₁₋₃ alkyloxy and C₂₋₄ amino-alkyloxy, halogens, OH, NH₂, CN,
NR₆R₇, where R₆ and R₇, are the same or different, and are H or C₁₋₃ alkyl,

At page 2, lines 2-12, please replace with the following:

15 --R₉ is a methanesulfonyl, tosyl, tetrahydropyranyl, tetrahydrothiopyranyl possible mono or di-
substituted by oxygen on the S atom, piperidyl ~~possibly~~ optionally substituted on the N atom by a C₁₋₃
alkyl, C₁₋₃ acyl, aminosulfonyl, or methanesulfonyl; or a group (CH₂)_gR₁₀ where ~~g~~ g is 1, 2, or 3 and
R₁₀ is chosen among morpholine, furan, or CN; or R₈ and R₉ together with the N atom to which they
are linked form a piperazine ~~possibly~~ optionally substituted at the other N atom ~~one of its nitrogen~~
20 ~~atoms~~ by C₁₋₃ alkyl, C₁₋₃ acyl or methanesulfonyl;--

At page 2, lines 13-21, please insert the following:

-N(R₁₁)CO(CH₂)_h-R₁₂ where R₁₁ is H or C₁₋₃ alkyl; h is 0, 1, 2 or 3; and R₁₂ is chosen among:
morpholine, pyrrolidine possibly substituted with an hydroxy or an hydroxymethyl, piperidine
25 possibly substituted with a group hydroxy, carboxyamido or aminosulfonyl, piperazine possibly
substituted on the N-atom by C₁₋₃ alkyl, triazole, tetrazole, 5-mercapto-tetrazole, furan, thiophene,
thiomorpholine possibly mono or di-oxygenated on the S-atom, and amino-cyclohexane possibly
substituted by an hydroxy group or
-COR₁₃ wherein R₁₃ is morpholine or piperazine possibly substituted with a C₂₋₆
30 alkyl containing one or more ether or hydroxy groups; and R₃ is H.

At page 4, line 3, please insert:

--R₁ and R₂ same or different, are:--

At page 4, lines 14-27, please replace with the following:

- 5 R₉₂ is chosen among: methanesulfonyl, tosyl, tetrahydropyranyl, tetrahydrothiopyranyl possibly mono or di-substituted by oxygen on the S atom, piperidyl possibly substituted on the N-atom by a C₁₋₃₁₋₃ alkyl, C₁₋₃₁₋₃ acyl, aminosulfonyl or methanesulfonyl; or a group (CH₂)_g-R₁₀ where g is 1, 2 or 3 and R₁₀ is chosen among morpholine, furan or CN; or R₈ and R₉ together with the N atom to which they are linked form a piperazine possibly substituted
- 10 on the other N atom with a C₁₋₃₁₋₃ alkyl, C₁₋₃₁₋₃ acyl or methanesulfonyl; -N(R₁₁)CO(CH₂)_h-R₁₂ where R₁₁ is H or C₁₋₃ alkyl; h is 0, 1, 2, or 3; and R₁₂ is chosen among: morpholine, pyrrolidine ~~possibly~~ optionally substituted with an hydroxy or hydroxymethyl, piperidine ~~possibly~~ optionally substituted with a group 4-hydroxy, or 4-carboxyamido group ~~or~~ aminosulfonyl, piperazine ~~possibly~~ optionally substituted on the other N-
- 15 atom by C₁₋₃ alkyl, triazole, tetrazole, 5-mercapto-tetrazole, furan, thiophene thiomorpholine ~~possibly~~ optionally mono or di-oxygenated on the S-atom and amino-cyclohexane possibly substituted by an hydroxy group or --

At page 5, lines 11-14, please replace with the the following:

- 20 --An even more preferred group of compounds according to the invention are those wherein R, R₁₁, R₂₂, R₃₃, f, m are as above defined and: R₄₄ is a group NR₈₈R₉₂ wherein: R₈₈ is H or methyl;